

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Bruce E. Stevens, et al.
Appl. No. : 10/756,892
Filed : January 14, 2004
For : LOCKING PLATE FOR BONE
ANCHORS
Examiner : David Owen Reip
Group Art Unit : 3731

AMENDMENT**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005, please reconsider the above-referenced application in light of the following amendments and comments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.